

SITUATION REPORT NO. 11
INCIDENT NO. 2002-040
DATE: July 3, 2002 TIME: 2:30 p.m.

TO: Governor John Hoeven
State Capitol
Bismarck, N.D. 58505

1. NATURE OF DISASTER: Drought/Fires – The Governor issued a state fire emergency declaration on May 30, 2002, and a state drought emergency declaration on July 1, 2002.
2. DEATHS AND INJURIES: The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has received reports of two fatalities, one of which occurred on May 2 and the other on May 26. Nine injuries also have been reported to the State EOC.
3. DAMAGES: On July 3, the N.D. Rangeland Fire Danger Index placed seven counties in the extreme category including Slope, Bowman, Hettinger, Adams, Grant, Emmons, and Sioux. Ten counties are listed in the very high category. These include Oliver, Morton, Burleigh, Kidder, Logan, LaMoure, McIntosh, Dickey, Ransom and Sargent.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) County Emergency Board Flash Situation Report indicated the fire on June 29 in Grant County burned 4,500 acres of pasture and 500 acres in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) south and east of Shields.

4. RESOURCES:
LOCAL: No change from previous reports.
STATE: No change from previous reports.
FEDERAL: No change from previous reports.
5. VOLUNTEER ACTIONS: No change from previous reports.
6. MAJOR ACTIONS: The Kidder County Commission passed a resolution on July 2 prohibiting open burning until further notice by local officials.

On July 2, Morton County and City of Mandan officials prohibited the use of fireworks until further notice by local officials.

Both the Dickinson City and Stark County Commissions passed a resolution on July 2 to follow the North Dakota Rural Fire Danger Guide and also passed motions prohibiting fireworks in Dickinson and all Stark County until further notice by local officials.

On July 3, the Logan County Commission passed a resolution prohibiting open burning until further notice by local officials.

The North Dakota Extension Service will be conducting drought management seminars for cattle producers on Monday, July 15, in Fort Yates and Tuesday, July 16, in Napoleon. The seminars will begin at 1:30 p.m. and continue until 7:00 p.m.

7. ASSISTANCE NEEDED: No change from previous reports.
8. OUTSIDE HELP ON SCENE: No change from previous reports.
9. OTHER: Appropriate state, local, tribal, federal and private entity emergency operations plans (EOPs) and procedures have been implemented.

The N.D. Rural Fire Mitigation Guide and the N.D. Rangeland Fire Danger Index are posted on the N.D. Division of Emergency Management web site at:
<http://www.state.nd.us/dem/>.

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